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SUBJ: WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

GENEVA AUGUST 14-25, 1978

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1. CHARGE AND POLOFF CALLED ON MFA SENIOR PRINCIPAL SECRETARY ERIC OTOO AUGUST 14 AND PRESENTED AIDE MEMOIRE PER REFTEL. THE COMMISSIONER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, COLONEL FELLI, IS HEADING GHANA DELEGATION TO THE CONFERENCE AND DEPARTED FOR GENEVA AUGUST 12. MR. OTOO PROMISED TO TRANSMIT SUBSTANCE OF AIDE MEMOIRE TO GHANA DELEGATION. HE SAID HE WAS SURE THAT THE COMMISSIONER, WHO IS ALREADY AWARE OF UNITED STATES POSITION, WOULD ATTEMPT TO MUTE EFFORTS TO LINK RACISM AND ZIONISM. HE DID NOTE HOWEVER THAT GHANA, AS IS TRUE OF OTHER AFRICAN STATES, IS CAUGHT UP BY SIGNIFICANCE OF 1976 VORSTER VISIT TO ISRAEL AND CONTINUING TRADE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND SOUTH AFRICA. GIVEN THIS STATE OF AFFAIRS, GHANA IS LIMITED AS TO WHAT IT CAN DO; CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ISRAEL AND SOUTH AFRICA ACTS AS BARRIER TO ACTION REQUESTED BY USG.

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2. COMMENT: EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT GHANA WILL NOT ENCOURAGE EFFORTS TO LINK RACISM AND ZIONISM, BUT WILL NOT GO OVER BOARD IN OPPOSING SUCH A MOVE. OTOO OBVIOUSLY FEELS THAT ENHANCED ISRAEL/SOUTH AFRICA LINKS HAVE TIED GHANA'S HANDS IN THIS MATTER.
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